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Barry Felrice,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. IRA-48]

Reichhold Limited Application for Inconsistency Ruling Concerning State of Maine Regulations for the Transportation of Hazardous Materials

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Comment and Rebuttal Comment Periods.

SUMMARY: Reichhold Limited has applied for an administrative ruling determining whether Maine's regulations requiring a license for the transportation of hazardous materials are inconsistent with the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HMTA) and the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) issued thereunder and, therefore, preempted under section 112(a) of the HMTA. RSPA has expanded the proceeding to include Maine's licensing and enforcement statute concerning such transportation, and its fee statute for hazardous materials transported by railroad.

A public notice and invitation to comment on that application was published at 54 FR 37764, on September 12, 1989. It provided for a comment period ending October 20, 1989, and a rebuttal comment period ending December 8, 1989. Although RSPA has been in contact with other State of Maine officials concerning this matter,

Maine's Attorney General's Office asserts that it did not receive the application until the day the comment period was to end. To ensure that all interested parties have an adequate opportunity to comment, this Notice extends the comment and rebuttal comment periods on that application.

DATES: The comment period is hereby extended to December 1, 1989, and the rebuttal comment period is extended to January 5, 1990. Rebuttal comments may discuss only those issues raised by comments received during the initial comment period and may not discuss new issues.

ADDRESSES: The application and any comments received may be reviewed in the Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8421, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments and rebuttal comments on the application may be submitted to the Dockets Unit at the above address, and should include the Docket Number, IRA-48. Three copies are requested. A copy of each comment and rebuttal comment must also be sent to Mr. G.R. Beasant, Reichhold Limited, Mississauga Executive Centre, Four Robert Speck Parkway, Suite 700, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4Z 1S1, and to Mr. Garry R. Hinkley, Director, Commercial Vehicle, Secretary of State, Motor Vehicles Division, Station No. 29, Augusta, Maine 04333, and that fact certified to at the time each comment is submitted to the Dockets Unit. (The following format is suggested: "I hereby certify that copies of this comment have been sent to Mr. Beasant and Mr. Hinkley at the addresses specified in the Federal Register.").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward H. Bonekemper, III, Senior Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, telephone number 202-366-4400.

Public Comments: Comments should be limited to the issues of whether Maine's above-described statutes and regulations, requiring a license for transportation of hazardous materials and imposing a fee on hazardous materials transported by railroad, are inconsistent with the HMTA and the HMR. They should specifically address the "dual compliance" and "obstacle" tests described in the September 12, 1989 Notice.

Persons intending to comment on the application should examine the complete application in the RSPA Dockets Unit, the September 12, 1989 Notice (including Appendices A and B thereto), and the procedures governing the Department's consideration of applications for inconsistency rulings (49 CFR 107.201-107.211).

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Alan I. Roberts,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Health-Related Effects of Herbicides; Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Health-Related Effects of Herbicides has been renewed for a two year period beginning June 26, 1989 through June 25, 1991.

Dated: October 23, 1989.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sylvia C. Long,

Committee Management Officer.

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